

SPECIAL MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL  
March 23, 2011

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the special meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Lindsey, Moran, Paterson, Paulhus, Ryan, Schaefer, Shapiro  
Excused: Keane, Kochenburger

II. INTRODUCTION TO THE BUDGET AND REVIEW OF PROCESS

Town Manager Matt Hart introduced the Town Manager's Proposed Budget for 2011/2012 and commended the budget team of Director of Finance Cherie Trahan, Assistant to the Town Manager Maria Capriola, Budget Analyst Alicia Ducharme and Accounting Manager/Treasurer Keri Rowley for their work on preparing this budget.

A power point presentation detailing an overview of the Manager's budget was presented by the Town Manager. (Presentation attached)

As in previous years Council members were asked to "flag" any questions or concerns they might have so that staff would have an opportunity to prepare a response for the next budget session.

Flag – Prepare a listing of the sources of taxes which make up 59.1% of the FY'12 General Fund Revenues.

Mr. Paulhus left for work at 7:30 p.m.

III. MAJOR COST DRIVERS

Director of Finance Cherie Trahan reviewed the major cost drivers in the proposed budget. The Town Manager stated that his proposed budget has been formulated to advance the goals of the Council while maintaining the core services of the Town despite declining revenues.

IV. POLICY CHANGES AND INITIATIVES (ISSUE PAPERS)

The Town Manager and Director of Finance reviewed the eight issue papers driving the budget.

Flag – Provide additional information as to why with all of the new buildings and improvements at the Storrs campus over the last few years has Mansfield's share of the PILOT funds continued to decrease. Mr. Hart and Ms. Trahan will be meeting with the Office of Fiscal Analysis next week and will ask for additional details.

V. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Council members discussed their initial reactions to the proposed budget. Most members felt that before commenting in any detail they needed more time to review the proposal and to see what developments might take place on the state level over the next few weeks.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.  
Motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

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